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HELLO ALL (The Group of 4,009+ and growing):

We are a group of deeply concerned, unpaid Alberta resident volunteers. Our work is intended to educate, inform and motivate all Canadians to be visible and vocal regarding the unequal, unfair and discriminatory treatment of Alberta by our Federal Government. That motivation should naturally flow from the fact that Alberta's energy business is the most important driver of the Canadian economy and its health directly impacts the standard of living of every Canadian.

THE EMBEDDED ENVIRONMENTALISTS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Over the last few months, we have raised concerns about the "environmentalists" embedded into some of the most senior positions in the federal bureaucracy. We had only commented on the Prime Minister's Office and two other cabinet portfolios.

However, recent research by the HYDE PARK GROUP has uncovered the EXTREME depth of the positions held by environmentalists across almost all of the federal ministries.

Many have noted the **strong ties of the Trudeau Government with the environmentalist community**. Some of those connections are very obvious - the (former) principal secretary GERRY BUTTS being the most obvious example. Others are perhaps less well known. Their report is a first attempt to document the extent of these connections. It is not comprehensive, but gives a snapshot of how a particular perspective is well-entrenched.

We apologize in advance for the length of this report but it is ESSENTIAL that this information see the light of day!! Then you will understand why the federal policies are so negative towards pipelines and the energy sector and in a rush to pass Bills C-69 and C-48!! IT IS NO WONDER THAT PIPELINES DON'T GET BUILT!

You will quickly see that this is a DISASTER for Canada!! Remember, several of the enviro-groups shown below were promoters of the foreign-funded [ANTI-] TAR SANDS CAMPAIGN. Please pass on to all of your contacts.

So here we go

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1. Office of the Prime Minister

Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Gerald Butts, Former Principal Secretary (**resigned as cartoon above**)

- President and CEO, **World Wildlife Fund Canada** (2008-2012)

Lisa Laventure, Media Advance

- Volunteer Coordinator, **Sustainable Concordia** (2011)

Alex Tetreault, Special Assistant

- Community Organizer for **Clean Energy Outreach**, Ecology Ottawa (2015-2016)

Sarah Goodman, Deputy Director of Cabinet & Legislative Affairs

- VP (2009-2012) and Senior VP (2012-2014) of Business Development and Strategy, **Tides Canada**

2. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change

Minister Catherine McKenna

Marlo Reynolds, Chief of Staff

- Board Member, **Canadian Wind Energy Association** (2013-2015)
- Vice President of Market Development, **BluEarth Renewables Inc.** (2012-2015)
- Executive Director (2004-2010) and Senior Advisor (2011-2012), **Pembina Institute**

Kyle Harrietha, Director of Parliamentary Affairs

- Communications Manager (2013) and Program Administrator (2008-2013), **Cumulative Environmental Management Association** in Fort McMurray, AB

Julia Kilpatrick, Director of Communications

- Communications Director, **Clean Energy Canada** (2015-2017)
- Communications Director (2013-2015), Communications Manager (2012-2013), and Media Manager and Communications Lead (2009-2011), **Pembina Institute**
- Endorsed on LinkedIn by David Dodge (Producer, **Green Energy Futures**)

Clare Demerse, Senior Policy Advisor

- Senior Policy Advisor, **Clean Energy Canada** (2014 - present)
- Endorsed on LinkedIn by Dale Beugin (Executive Director, Canada's **Ecofiscal Commission**), Mark S. Rudolph (President and CEO, **justenvironment**), Aaron Freeman (Founder and President, **GreenPAC**)

Claire Seaborn, Senior Advisor, Legal and Regulatory Affairs

- Legal Clinic Member, **Ecojustice** (2012-2013)

3. Ministry of Natural Resources

Minister Amarjeet Sohi

Zoe Caron, Chief of Staff

- Senior Policy Advisor, **Clean Energy Canada** (2015)
- Former Specialist, **World Wildlife Federation** (2009-2015)
- Environmental Consultant in **Climate Change Partnerships and Engagement, Government of Nova Scotia** (2008-2009)
- Project Coordinator (2005-2007) and Chair of the Board of Directors (2008-2010), **Sierra Club of Canada**
- Project Manager, **Harrop-Procter Watershed Protection Society** (2005)
- Editor, **Energy Action Coalition** (2005-2012)
- Founding Member, **Canadian Youth Climate Coalition** (2006-2009)
- **Co-author (with Green Party Leader Elizabeth May), Global Warming for Dummies** (2014)

Sandra Schwartz, Director of Parliamentary Affairs

- Board Member, **Nature Canada** (2014-2016)
- VP of Public Affairs, Canadian Electricity Association (2010-2016)
- Director of Policy and Government Relations, Canadian Wind Energy Association (2006-2007)
- Policy Advisor, **Office of the Minister of Environment** (2003-2006)
- Director of Toxic Substances Programme, **Pollution Probe** (2000-2003)
- **Director of Environmental Programs**, Canadian Institute of Child Health (1998-2000)

Cheryl Cardinal, Director of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

- Board Member, **Environmental Refuelling Systems Inc.** (2016-2018)

Erin Flanagan, Director of Policy

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- Program Director of Federal Policy, **Pembina Institute** (2015-2018)
- Technical and Policy Analyst for Oilsands, **Pembina Institute** (2013-2015)

4. Ministry of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau

Geordie Summers-Lubar, Special Assistant

- Delegate, **North America Youth for Water Parliament** (2014)

5. Ministry of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism

Minister Pablo Rodriguez

Pablo Rodriguez, Minister

- CEO, **Ecolomondo** (2011-2014)

6. Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development

Minister Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos

Marjorie Michel, Director of Parliamentary Affairs

- Council Member, **RECYC-QUEBEC** (2016-2017)

Michael Brewster, Senior Policy Advisor

- LinkedIn Bio: “Young professional with a **strong environmental background**. I currently work in politics in Ottawa while studying to complete my Masters in Environmental Practice. I am interested in corporate sustainable responsibility, green tech and public policy”

- Masters in Environmental Practice, Royal Roads University (2017)

Matthew Pollesel, Special Assistant - Parliamentary Affairs and Communications

- National Organizer and Party Official, **Green Party of Canada** (2004)

7. Ministry of Finance

Minister Bill Morneau

Ben Chin, Chief of Staff

- Vice President of Communications, **Ontario Power Authority** (2009-2011)
- Vice President of **Energy Conservation Incentives, Air Miles for Social Change, Loyalty One** (2011- 2012)

8. Ministry of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Ministry of the Environment, Climate and the Canadian Coast Guard

Minister Jonathan Wilkinson

Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister

- Executive in Residence, **Foresight Cleantech Accelerator Centre** (2014-2015)
- CEO, **BioteQ Environmental Technologies** (2011-2014)
- Senior VP Business Development, **Nexterra Systems Corp.** (2009-2011)
- VP Business Development (1999-2001) and President and CEO (2001-2008), **Questair Technologies**

Alexis McIntyre, Chief of Staff

- Manager of Environmental Science and Policy, Canadian Electricity Association (2013-2016)
- Program Manager, Cumulative Environmental Management Association (2008-2009)

Jocelyn Lubczuk, Press Secretary

- Communications Officer, **Sustainable Prosperity** (Jan-Feb 2016)
- Communications Officer, **Ottawa Institute of the Environment** (2014-2016)
- Social Media Assistant, **Green Energy Doors Open** (Oct 2015)

Fiona Simons, Special Assistant, Pacific Desk

- Consultant, **Sustainable Prosperity** (2016)

9. Ministry of Health

Minister Ginette Petipas Taylor

Kirsten Strom, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff

- Executive Assistant to the Director of Communications, **Green Party of Canada** (2015)

10. Ministry of Indigenous Services

Minister Seamus O'Regan

Jeffrey Copenace, Special Advisor

- Senior Vice President of **Indigenous Partnership, Pacific Future Energy** (2014-2015)

Kevin Deagle, Policy Advisor

- Research Assistant, **Environmental Governance Lab at Munk School of**

Global Affairs, UofT
(2016)

11. Ministry of Infrastructure and Communities

Minister François-Philippe Champagne

Mathieu Bélanger, Director of Policy

- Acting Country Representative for Rwanda, **Global Green Growth Institute** (2015)

12. Ministry of International Development

Minister Maryam Monsef

Louis Belanger, Director of Communications

- Media Coordinator/Spokesperson, **World Wildlife Fund** (2013-2014)

13. Ministry of International Trade Diversification

Minister Jim Carr

Zara Rabinovitch, Senior Policy Advisor

- Programs Manager, **Wild Culture Ltd.** (2013)

Matthew Robertson, Departmental Advisor

- Trade Commissioner for **Clean Technology, Government of Canada** (2016-2017)

14. Ministry of Public Safety

Minister Ralph Goodale

Laura Friedrich, Senior Policy Advisor

- Corporate Management Analyst, **Environment Canada** (2008-2013)

John Gazo, Policy Specialist for Medium-Term Policy and Planning

- Graduate Student, **Ottawa Institute of the Environment** (2017-Present)

Jamie Gesualdo, Policy Analyst

- Policy Analyst, **Environment Canada** (2016)

Ryan Schwartz, Policy Development Manager

- Senior Policy Analyst and Manager, **Environment and Climate Change Canada** (2013-2018)

15. Ministry of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility

Minister Carla Qualtrough

Dylan Wooley-Berry, Special Assistant, Operations

- Project Assistant, **EOS Eco-Energy** (Jun-Aug 2016)

16. Ministry of Science and Sport

Minister Kirsty Duncan

Kirsty Duncan, Minister

- Professor of Meteorology, **Climatology and Climate Change, University of Windsor** (1993-2000)

17. Ministry of Seniors

Minister Filomena Tassi

Jude Welch, Chief of Staff

- Manager of Policy and Programs, **Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency** (2014-2016)

Lars Wessman, Senior Policy Advisor

- Communications Coordinator, **Ecology Ottawa** (2013-2014)
- Associate Executive Director, **Ottawa Riverkeeper** (2014-2016)

18. Ministry of Small Business and Export Promotion

Minister Mary Ng

Simon Robertson, Director of Policy

- Special Assistant, **Office of the Minister of the Environment** (2004-2006)
- Managed a youth engagement initiative
- Member of a team that liaised with the United Nations and other stakeholders to plan and execute the **United Nations Climate Change Conference** (CoP11)

Arthur Lam, Senior Advisor

- Board Member, **Sierra Club** (2012-2013)

19. Ministry of Transport

Minister Marc Garneau

Shane McCloskey, Senior Special Assistant

- Instructor, Concordia University (2012-2016)
- Developed and taught undergraduate courses including climate change science and policy, natural disasters and paleoclimatology
- Postdoctoral researcher, University of Auckland (2007-2009)
- Conducted original research on climate and growth of *Agathis australis* with particular emphasis on intra-annual patterns of tree-ring development. Taught courses on environmental science and biodiversity issues

20. Treasury Board

Minister Jane Philpott

Edward Rawlinson, Senior Advisor

- Analyst (**Clinton Climate Initiative**), Clinton Foundation (2008)

21. Ministry of Veterans Affairs

Minister Lawrence MacAulay

Philip Jansson, Director of Parliamentary Affairs

- Documents Coordinator (2011) and Policy Analyst (2014-2016), **Environment and Climate Change Canada**

22. Ministry of Women and Gender Equality

Minister Maryam Monsef

Saleha Assadzada, Executive Assistant to the Minister

- Research Assistant, **Environment Canada** (2010)

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION (AGAIN MANY)

1. **From a Reader: I am of the view that unless Alberta separates our opportunity to develop a robust and growth energy industry that supplies reliable energy backed by what should be world class technology innovation to mitigate world wide, not just Canadian, emissions will be LOST.** The main driver of my view is that **capital is fleeing Canada, not just the oil industry and that this cannot be reversed by simply voting out the**

Liberals. Capital markets for large Canadian initiatives have been severely damaged by the recent political evolution and investors will continue to be cautious because even if the Conservatives are voted in, the Cycle will be repeated and a left wing socialist government will eventually be installed to plunder the perceived riches.

Therefore I strongly believe it is imperative that Alberta pursue separation as expeditiously as possible.

You have a great source of materials to support you position and you may be familiar with the [ARC Energy Charts] that are published weekly. Some the most most frightening information about the state of our oil and gas industry is presented here. This is the first time the table includes a line for a 2019 Estimate. [In it] you will see that in 2017 the ratio dropped below 1.0, maybe for the first time in decades. **Now it is forecast to drop to 0.76 in 2019! We are not only losing new capital coming to the province, but successful companies are diverting the cash flow they used to reinvest in Canada to basins outside of Canada. We are talking about \$billions every year. Once companies have established beach heads in other basins they will continue to invest a large portion of their cash flow in those basins in the future.**

The only way I see to reverse this trend is to separate from Canada and establish a new jurisdiction committed to resource and technology development to improve the world wide distribution and consumption of energy. What a great opportunity to establish world class industry centered in Alberta. And I am totally not at all concerned by threats that we don't have access to tide water.

2. From a Reader: I believe that Ottawa and the machinery of Federal elections that governs us will pay little or no attention unless a clear signal from the people of Alberta is expressed and evidenced by way of a petition or potentially - a referendum. It would cost nothing (politically or otherwise) for Kenney to commit to giving the people of Alberta the opportunity to express their wishes and will by way of a referendum. That the Federal government did not act swiftly to allow Alberta to deliver its oil to market is unprecedented. Bob - Alberta has been crushed and is and has been a standing joke in the East (with all due respect) for decades. Ottawa laughs about it. Preston Manning et al were a cake walk.

Of course - you know what's what - but I share these ideas as it is clear to just about everyone that Alberta has to do something to exercise its political and economic significance. Alberta ought to be governed by Albertans...just some humble thoughts...

3. From a Reader: Alberta may not have access to the Pacific if it separates, but BC has no access to the rest of Canada either.

4. From a Reader: I would imagine the Chinese government is paying close attention the Trudeau//SNC Lavalin scandal. Wondering why he can change Canada's justice system rules to help a friendly Quebec company; if he can do it for Quebec--surely in the minds of the Chinese people, Trudeau can bend the rules for the Chinese lady. In the case of the Chinese situation--in the best interests of reestablishing future Canadian trade with China, Trudeau should bend the rules.

The Aussies are running away with China trade. Without even trying Australia has picked up a large part of Canada's Far East--Asian trade. Aussie kids have been learning Mandarin Chinese for the past 25 years while Canadian kids are stuck in the 'time warp' of learning French. Australia is booming: Sydney International Airport (there are 2 airports one for domestic flights and one overseas flights). Arriving back in Canada, Vancouver International airport seems like a quiet country airport. How quiet is Vancouver in international trade. Germany's Hamburg port sees 35,000 deep sea vessels arriving annually, Holland's Rotterdam port sees 8100 oil and fuel tankers arriving annually: Canada is so far out of the big-league trading nations. Thinking about it is scary. Sadly for all of us, Canada is in its own "bush league" business attitude. The Frogs have been running Canada for 50 years and it shows. Everything they touch turns into barn Yard Droppings.

5. From a Reader: Justin Trudeau claims that he is fighting for Quebec jobs. Trudeau does not run SNC Lavalin, its management does. He is not responsible for job losses at Lavalin - it's management is. SNC Lavalin has been charged with corruption and bribery and must face the consequences of a criminal trial and possible conviction. If the Company is convicted, it must pay the price, the same way any other company would. It is up to SNC Lavalin management if it wants to reduce staff in Canada or anywhere else. It does not have to dismiss employees as a result of a criminal conviction. In fact, it is possible that SNC Lavalin management is simply threatening Trudeau to get

possible that SNC Lavalin management is simply threatening Trudeau to get what it wants.

If Justin Trudeau is concerned about Canadian jobs he and Gerald Butts should have thought about the over one hundred thousand jobs that have been lost in Alberta as a result of their carefully crafted plan to destroy Canada's oil and gas industry.

6. From a Reader: Was that not the same speech he made in the defense of his grouping accusation? In both cases it was the gal's fault according to his perception. You can see why he was able to respond so quickly. There are rumors he always keeps several copies with him! The Liberals and Quebec are just disgusting.

ADDITIONAL READING

In closing, here is additional information on the problems we are facing and the need for us to take remedial action immediately to right our sinking ship.

1. NEW POLL SUGGESTS ALBERTA IS THE PROVINCE THAT MOST WANTS TO SEPARATE FROM CANADA - NOT QUEBEC

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/a-new-poll-suggests-alberta-is-the-province-that-most-wants-to-separate-from-canada-not-quebec>

2. MICHELLE REMPEL - A CLASSIC MUST WATCH!!!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yprA8CnVZD0&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop)

[v=yprA8CnVZD0&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yprA8CnVZD0&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop)

3. MACLEANS: THE MORAL CATASTROPHE OF JUSTIN TRUDEAU

<https://www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/the-moral-catastrophe-of-justin-trudeau/>

4. FRIENDS OF SCIENCE CALGARY: AN OPEN LETTER TO CANADIAN SENATORS ON BILL C-69

<https://blog.friendsofscience.org/2018/12/17/an-open-letter-to-canadian-senators-on-bill-c-69/>*

5. STEPHEN LEDREW: JUSTIN TRUDEAU SHOULD RESIGN OVER SNC-LAVALIN

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/stephen-ledrew-trudeau-should-resign-over->

snc-lavalin?video_autoplay=true

Please **share** this email with your contacts so we can turn this unfair, inequitable, unjustifiable travesty around for the good of all Canadians. If you would like to submit information or articles, please send them to me. **Thank you for ALL of your support and interest!**

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